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1. As of November 1954, membership fees of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia were increased in relation to wages, as follows:

Monthly wages, up to:	1,200 crowns	Fee:	10 crowns per month
from:	1,200 - 2,000 crowns	"	20 crowns
"	2,000 - 3,500 crowns	"	60 crowns
over:	3,500 crowns	"	100 crowns

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2. These increases have caused considerable discontent among the workers, particularly among miners, who earn relatively high wages (up to 3,500 crowns per month). The result is that membership fees are frequently not paid despite threats of expulsion from the Party.
3. In December 1954, coal miners at Most sent a complaint to their district Communist Party committee stating that they were willing to pay a membership fee of 10 or 15 crowns a month but no more. Up to May 1955 they had received no answer from the district committee and had paid no fees since they lodged their complaint.

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